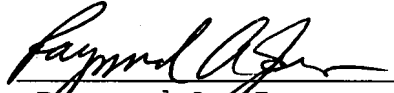


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is an Amendment And Response To Office Action in response to the Office Action, mailed February 6, 2007, wherein the Examiner rejected Claim 9 for formal reasons, and

further wherein the Examiner rejected Claims 1-9 in view of a prior art reference.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's time and courtesy extended during the Examiner Interview with Applicant on May 2, 2007.

Based upon the following Amendments and Remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

Please amend the application as follows: